

IN THE CLAIMS:

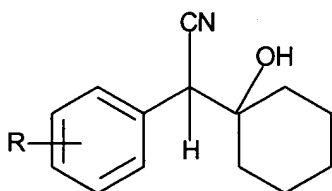
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-26 as originally filed in PCT/IN02/00131 (canceled)

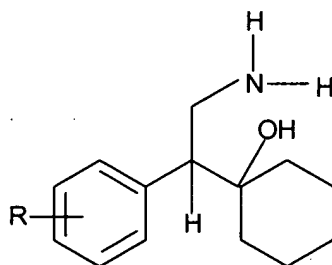
Claims 1-14 as amended under Article 19 (canceled)

Claims 1-14 as amended under Article 34 (canceled)

27. (new) A process for preparation of hydroxy (cycloalkane) phenyl ethyl amine (Formula II) comprising reducing a cyano compound of formula 1 using Raney Nickel CORM III having bulk density between 0.40 to 0.60 gm/cc as catalyst



Formula I



Formula II

where, R is in meta or para position and independently hydrogen, hydroxyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkanoyloxy, amino, alkyl amino, alkaneamido, halo or trifluoro methyl.

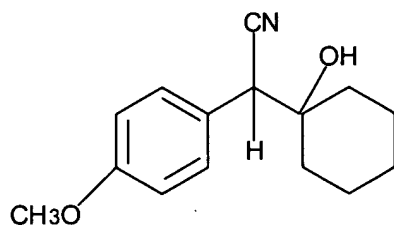
28. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein the said Raney Nickel has a particle size of 40 to 50 μm .

29. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein said Raney Nickel comprises 86 to 88 wt% Nickel and 8 to 10 wt% Aluminum.

30. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein said Raney Nickel has nitrobenzene activity between 55 - 65 ml. /gm. / min of Hydrogen.

31. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein said Raney Nickel has susceptibility to dehalogenation less than 1%.

32. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein R is in para position and is -OCH₃, and the compound of formula 1 is 1-[cyano-(p-methoxyphenyl)methyl]cyclohexanol, a compound of formula III:



Formula III.

33. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein said reduction is carried out in solvent of aqueous ammonia and methanol.

34. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein said reduction is carried out at temperature between -5 to 40°C.

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35. (new) The process according to claim 34, wherein said temperature is between 15 to 30°C.

36. (new) The process according to claim 35, wherein said temperature is 27°C.

37. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein said reduction is carried out for a period of up to about 24 hours.

38. (new) The process according to claim 37, wherein said reduction is carried out for a period of 8 to 24 hours.

39. (new) The process according to claim 38, wherein said reduction is carried out for a period of 9 hours.

40. (new) The process according to claim 27, wherein said reduction is carried out at a pressure of 120 psi of hydrogen.